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In re Application of:

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AMENDMENT SUBMISSION REQUESTED BY EXAMINER

This amendment is submitted in response to a request from the Examiner. The request was made after Applicant's Response to the Final Office Action dated March 17, 2004, was accepted. Accordingly, it is believed that no fee is required by this submission. Furthermore, in accordance with MPEP 706.07(f), Applicant believes that the shortened statutory period for response in the instant case has not yet expired because Applicant filed a response within two months of the date of the final Office action and no advisory action has yet been filed. Nevertheless, if any fee is required in association with this submission the Commissioner is authorized to deduct such fee from Deposit Account No. 01-2508/11362.0031.000US00.

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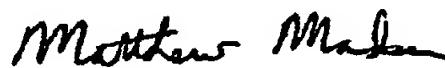
Claims 1, 8, 12, 13, 28, and 29 are amended and claims 2, 18, and 20 are cancelled by this amendment.

Applicant expresses thanks to the Examiner for her efforts and suggestions in the bringing this case to allowance.

Applicant notes that, as requested by the Examiner, the enclosed claimed amendments are based on the claims examined in the final Office action dated March 17, 2004 (the current amendments do not reflect the amendments submitted in Applicant's last Response, filed April 30, 2004).

Should any further information be necessary, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (713) 787-1589.

Respectfully submitted,



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